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Subject: New Tanks; Identification

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1. New extra heavy tanks were displayed on "Tank Day" in Moscow. They were built at a special plant in Minsk. Also in Minsk is a new motor vehicle and tractor factory constructed under the provisions of the fourth Five Year Plan. All vehicles produced are for military purposes. This plant is under the same management as the tank factory.
2. A new type of small tank is being tested at "Third Artillery School" in Leningrad. This is a one man tank. It is 1.20 meters high and armed with a 37 mm. gun and one machine gun. It is to be employed to open lanes of attack for assault infantry. It is reported that tests were successful and military specialists are satisfied. The intent is to free heavy armor from combined effort with infantry and to provide a weapon which helps rather than hinders tactical deployment of infantry troops.
3. Col. Gen. Malandin, former Chief of Staff of the Central Group of Forces, is now in Moscow as Chief of the Ground Forces of the entire Soviet Army. (* in Baden, Austria)

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